

Class of 2010

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry into the nomination process for the US Service Academies. The U.S. Service Academies offer qualified young applicants a special opportunity – a top quality college education, a chance to serve this country as a commissioned officer, and an unlimited potential for satisfying and diversified careers.

A file on your candidacy should be opened in my **Harrisburg office**. This application packet includes important nomination instructions for both you and your guidance counselor. I have attached a formal application for you to complete, and an applicant data sheet to be completed by your guidance counselor.

As an entrant in the merit selection competition, you will be considered on the basis of your academic performance and your participation in extracurricular and community activities.

IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS ARE SUBMITTED TO MY HARRISBURG OFFICE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005.

 **COMPLETED APPLICANT PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE:**

*****Please make every effort to submit all materials in one mailing.***

To be Completed by the Applicant:

- Formal application (pages 1-4)
- Essay
- Photo

To be Completed by Guidance Counselor:

- Applicant Data Sheet (page 6). Please attach an official high school transcript.
- SAT scores (copy of original scores or written on official school transcript).
- One letter of recommendation from your high school guidance counselor, principal, or teacher. (Please limit the number of recommendation letters to no more than two. If more than two recommendations are submitted, two will be chosen for you.)**

I WILL BE UNABLE TO CONSIDER APPLICATION MATERIAL RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005. A LIST OF OTHER KEY DATES TO REMEMBER IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR ACCORDINGLY.

There are several stages involved in the merit selection process. Once you have completed the formal application and returned it to my office, your candidate file will be updated to reflect your status as an official candidate for nomination. When your file is complete, it will be scored, and you will be scheduled for an interview.

In order to be certain that I receive all of your required credentials, students are asked to send their entire packet to my **Harrisburg district office at US Senator Arlen Specter, Attn: Academy Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108.** (If you send your completed nomination packet via FedEx, UPS, etc., address the package to US Senator Arlen Specter, Academy Selection Committee, US Federal Building and Courthouse, 228 Walnut Street, Room 1104, Harrisburg, PA 17101, as those delivery services do not deliver to P.O. Boxes.) **PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO ANY OF MY OTHER OFFICES, AS IT WILL DELAY FORMAL REVIEW OF YOUR CANDIDACY.** Certified mail is recommended, but not required; however, **it is your responsibility to make sure that your file is complete.** I suggest calling my Harrisburg office at (717) 782-3951 to confirm receipt.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for November 15, 16 & 17, 2004. We will make an effort to interview all students who have successfully completed the nomination packet. However, any applicant that receives SAT scores below 1600 (the highest possible score on the new SAT is 2400) may not be interviewed. Please check with my Harrisburg office for further clarification. You should prepare for your interview, by speaking with your guidance counselor, the academy of your choice, and others who have gone through the process. You will be notified by mail of the time and place of your interview. **If you do not receive written confirmation of an interview by November 7, 2005, please contact my office.**

Only those students seeking a nomination to the Air Force, Military, or Naval Academies will be interviewed by my Academy Selection Committee. Merchant Marine Academy applicants are chosen through a merit selection competition, and are not interviewed. However, all Merchant Marine Academy applicants must submit the required credentials as specified above.

The Senatorial nomination process is very competitive and there are many more deserving students than there are nominations. Non-selection as my nominee does not necessarily mean you do not meet academy standards, but reflects the high caliber of candidates who have applied for my limited number of nominations. I commend you on your desire to serve this nation as an officer in the United States Armed Services, and wish you every success in your pursuit of an appointment to a United States Service Academy. If you have any questions regarding the application packet or the selection process, please call my Harrisburg office at (717) 782-3951.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Time Line:

5 th Week in March 2005	Applications for students seeking a nomination for the class entering July 2006 begin to be sent out.
March – October 7, 2005	Complete application and writing requirement. Secure academic transcript and letters of recommendation.
October 7, 2005	All application materials must be received in my Harrisburg Office: <u>Academy Selection Committee</u> <u>P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108</u>
November 15, 16 & 17, 2005	Tentative dates for finalist interviews. Letters of notification will advise date, time and location of interview. <i>I cannot guarantee interviews for students unable to attend their originally scheduled appointment.</i>
Week of December 12, 2005	Offers of nomination made.

Test Dates:

SAT (Score Code – 2826)

May 7, 2005 *November 5, 2005
June 4, 2005 **December 3, 2005
*October 8, 2005

ACT (Score Code – 7175)

April 9, 2005 *October 22, 2005
June 11, 2005 **December 10, 2005
*September 24, 2005

*Students taking tests on these dates are requested to select the expedited scoring option so those scores can be included in your formal application. My Academy Selection Committee will consider all new test scores and other information until final nominations have been made.

**Students should note that scores from these test dates will be too late to be considered by my Committee.

ACADEMY CONTACTS:

Begin the application process with the service academies as soon as possible. You must contact the academy of your choice, directly, to begin the application process there.

U.S. Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy

Director of Admissions
US Military Academy
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
(845)938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

Dean of Admissions
U.S. Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402
(410)293-1000
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
1-800-732-6267
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy *No Congressional Nomination

Director of Admissions
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
(860)444-8500
www.cga.edu

CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS:

Students are encouraged to apply to both United States Senators and the United States

Representative who represents the Congressional District in which they live. **Remember, each Member uses different criteria and deadlines for their nomination process. Be sure to contact **YOUR** Congressional Representative to get their official application.**

U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
Landmarks Building
100 W. Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 562-0533

Congressman Robert A. Brady - 1st
1907 S. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148
(215) 389-4627

Congressman Charles Dent - 15th
701 West Broad Street, Suite 200
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610) 861-9734

Congressman Mike Doyle - 14th
11 Duff Road
Penn Hills, PA 15235
(412) 241-6055

Congressman Phil English - 3rd
208 E. Bayfront Parkway
Suite 102
Erie, PA 16507
(814) 456-2038

Congressman Chaka Fattah - 2nd
4104 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 387-6404

Cong. Michael Fitzpatrick - 8th
One Oxford Valley, Suite 800
Langhorne, PA 19047
(215) 752-7711

Congressman Jim Gerlach - 6th
111 East Uwchlan Avenue
Exton, PA 19341
(202) 225-4315

Congresswoman Melissa Hart - 4th
501 Lawrence Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117
(724) 752-0490

Congressman Tim Holden - 17th
4918 Kutztown Road
Temple, PA 19560
(610) 921-3502

Cong. Paul E. Kanjorski - 11th
2188 Rayburn House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515-3811
(202) 225-6511

Congressman Tim Murphy - 18th
504 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
(412) 344-5583

Cong. John P. Murtha - 12th
647 Main Street, 4th Floor
P.O. Box 780
Johnstown, PA 15907-0780
(814) 535-2642

Congressman John Peterson - 5th
1524 W. College Ave., Suite 209
State College, PA 16801
(814) 238-1776

Congressman Joseph R. Pitts - 16th
Lancaster County Court House
50 North Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
(202) 225-2411

Congressman Todd Platts - 19th
2209 East Market St.
York, PA 17402
(717) 600-1919

Cong. Allyson Schwartz - 13th
7219 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19135
(215) 335-3355

Cong. Donald Sherwood - 10th
1146 Northern Blvd. (Rtes. 6/11)
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
(570) 585-8190

Congressman Bill Shuster - 9th
310 Penn Street, Suite 200
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
(814) 696-6318

Congressman Curt Weldon - 7th
1554 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
(610) 259-0700

Students can also apply for a nomination from **Vice President of the United States**. Letters should be sent to:

The Honorable Dick Cheney
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

(To be completed by applicant)

ACADEMY PREFERENCE: _____
(Please list first preference only)

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

All applicants must be legal Pennsylvania residents. Please list your permanent address below, under "Home of Record." If you are in the Military, or are temporarily residing out of state, please list this address under "Temporary Address."

HOME OF RECORD: _____
(Street, P.O. Box) (City/State/Zip)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS: _____
(Street, P.O. Box) (City/State/Zip)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER (including area code): _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

HIGH SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER (including area code): _____

INTENDED MAJOR: _____

GRADUATED/WILL GRADUATE: _____

*Applicants must graduate by June of 2006; they must not have reached their 23rd birthday by their Academy entry date.

In seeking this nomination, I affirm my intention to make the indicated service my career. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts are sufficient cause for elimination of my candidacy.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
(Applicant)

Please send all forms to:
Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Applicant's Name _____ Social Security # _____

FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

ACTIVITIES / HONORS / AWARDS

Please indicate under the appropriate heading the extracurricular activities in which you have participated and which you anticipate participating in during high school. (Attach additional information only if absolutely necessary; supplementary resumes are not needed, and will not be included with the student's folder.)

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Sport	# of years	Captain	MVP	Member	Varsity Letter			

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	Number of years	Officer	Member

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	Number of years	Officer	Member

Applicant's Name _____ **Social Security #** _____

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HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Organization	Number of years	Office Held

AWARDS/ HONORS/ RECOGNITIONS

Information regarding Eagle Scout and the Girl Scout Gold Award is requested on page 4 of the application; please do not include this information on the below list.

[illegible]

Applicant's Name _____ Social Security # _____

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

Were you employed ten or more hours a week during the school year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, where were you employed? Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Supervisor: _____

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:

Have you attained the rank of Eagle Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you received the Girl Scout Gold Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ESSAY:

Please write a one page (8.5 x 11, typewritten single-spaced) essay on why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy.

In which city would it be most convenient for you to be interviewed?

(Interview Dates will be scheduled by the Senator's office to be held between November 15-17, 2005)

☐ Philadelphia

☐ Harrisburg

☐ Pittsburgh

☐ Scranton

☐ Allentown

☐ Erie

☐ Telephone interviews are available for students who will be out of the state during the indicated interview dates.

Please list a telephone number where you may be reached for your interview: (____) _____

Who is your United States Representative? _____

Have you applied to your United States Representative for a nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are an applicant to the United States Air Force, Military or Naval Academy and are not selected for a nomination, would you consider a nomination to the United States Merchant Marine Academy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

REMINDER:

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Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
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Harrisburg, PA 17108

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APPLICANT DATA SHEET FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Please print your name below and provide your guidance counselor with the following letter and the enclosed applicant data sheet.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Dear High School Guidance Counselor:

The above named student is seeking a congressional nomination to one of the U.S. Service Academies. The following information outlines the application procedures governing the service academy nomination process administered by my office.

*If the student desires a nomination to a service academy for the classes beginning in **July, 2006**, it is his/her responsibility to ensure that the following credentials are submitted to my Harrisburg office by **OCTOBER 7, 2005**.



Application Checklist:

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- _____ SAT scores (copy of original scores or written on official school transcript).
- _____ One letter of recommendation from your high school guidance counselor, principal, or teacher. (Please limit the number of recommendations to no more than two.)

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED CREDENTIALS IN ONE PACKET.

Please forward all material to:

**Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108**

Thank you for your assistance with this process.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

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Please fill out this form completely, despite the fact that the information may already be on the applicant's transcript. Thank you.

NAME OF COUNSELOR: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

***The following data must be accompanied by an official transcript**

CUMULATIVE CLASS RANK:

Unweighted: _____ (Rank/Total)

Weighted: _____ (Rank/Total)

CUMULATIVE GPA:

4.0/unweighted scale: _____

Weighted scale: _____

SAT SCORES (please list the scores for each test taken):

DATE				
CRITICAL READING				
MATH				
WRITING				
TOTAL				

HIGHEST SAT SCORES: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____